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FOLLOWING SENT DAMASCUS FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 19 NOV 74:

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TAGS: OVIP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ

1. REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT SOLARZ (D-N.Y.) IS CONSIDERING VISITING ISRAEL AND THEN POSSIBLY SOME NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN FEBRUARY. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TRYING TO VISIT SYRIA. SOLARZ TOLD DEPARTMENT HE IS JEWISH AND REPRESENTS BROOKLYN DISTRICT WITH MANY SYRIAN JEWISH RESIDENTS. HIS PRIMARY INTEREST IN SYRIA WOULD BE TO LEARN ABOUT THE STATUS OF SYRIAN JEWS AND TO HAVE AS MUCH CONTACT AS POSSIBLE WITH SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

2. DEPTOFF TOLD SOLARZ THAT VISIT TO SYRIA PROBABLY POSSIBLE, BUT CAUTIONED HIM THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ADVISABLE TO RESTRICT EXTENT OF HIS CONTACTS ON HIS PRIMARY FIELD OF INTEREST LEST RESULTS BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND POSSIBLY HARM INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH A TRIP AND EXTENT TO WHICH SOLARZ CAN EXPECT TO

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HAVE CONTACT WITH SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. WE WILL PASS

INFORMATION ON TO SOLARZ SO HE CAN DECIDE WHAT HE WISHES
TO DO. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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